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DEDICATION.

To her I dedicate this little book,
  Whose kindling fancy and whose sparkling wit
  Do more than aught of mine embellish it,
And shed a magic charm where'er you look:
To her whose fond affection could not brook
  That I should such a joyless worker be
  As not to share her tender sympathy,
But for my sake more genial tasks forsook,
  And with a patient, cheerful diligence,
Scanned the dim records of the mighty Past,
Drew with nice skill events of moment thence—
  And linked them to poetic honors fast!
To my beloved wife—whom thus I greet
In this and every task, my sweet help meet!

TO THE READER.

The history of this little book is a brief one. In May, 1849, I commenced the publication of "The Shakspeare Calendar" in the Southern Weekly Gazette. It was continued from week to week, and attracted the attention of numerous readers, some of whom advised the publication of the Calendar in a volume.

In consenting to this, and putting my name upon the title-page as its editor, I cannot forbear to acknowledge more fully than I have done in the Dedication, my indebtedness to one whose highest happiness it has ever been to aid me in my diversified labors. Beyond the suggestion

of the idea developed in the following pages, the accumulation of chronological events, and the selection of perhaps one third of the illustrations, I have had little to do with the preparation of the book, except to approve the taste and industry of her to whom the greater share of whatever merit it possesses is justly due.

If it were allowable to plead haste as an apology for imperfections in a volume like this, I might venture to say that its publication as a holiday book was only resolved upon at a period so late as to demand great dispatch in the preparation of those portions not embraced in the columns of the Gazette, amounting to fully one half of the year.

An humble waif thrown thus upon the stream of destiny, I cannot but hope that it may be wafted along by the gentle

breeze of popular favor; and since it can provoke criticism only by its imperfections of manner, I trust that the reader will estimate it, chiefly as I do, for the design and spirit of the work.

If it should prove successful, it, another season, may add additional evidence of the admirable fertility of Shakspeare in "wit and wisdom for every day of the year."

ATHENS, GA., Nov. 1, 1849.

THE

SHAKSPEARE CALENDAR.

January.

JANUARY 1st.—The New Years commence on this day.

"What! will the line stretch out to the crack of doom?"

MACBETH, Act iv., Scene 1.

JANUARY 2d.—King Charles II. shuts the Exchequer. 1672.

"His exchequer is too poor."

HENRY V., Act iii., Scene 6.

JANUARY 3d.—Bread-fruit plants introduced into the West Indies. 1793.

"It may well be called Jove's tree, when it drops for thee such fruit."

AS YOU LIKE IT, Act iii., Scene 2.

JANUARY 4th.—Roger Ascham died—1568.

"Was he not held a learned man?"
Yes, surely."
HENRY VIII., Act ii., Scene 2.

JANUARY 5th.—Pope Leo orders images to be abolished. 814.

"Disrobe the images
If you do find them deck'd with ceremonies."
JULIUS CÆSAR, Act. i., Scene 1.

JANUARY 6th.—Count D'Artois lands at Keith in Scotland, being driven from France by the Republican party. 1796.

"I am now, sir, muddied in fortune's moat, and smell somewhat strong of her strong displeasure."—ALL'S WELL, Act v., Scene 2.

JANUARY 7th.—A successful Balloon ascension in Paris. 1785.

"Aye, marry, now my soul hath elbow room."
KING JOHN, Act v., Scene 7.

JANUARY 8th.—Battle of New Orleans—the British repulsed with great loss. 1815.

"Anon,
A rout—confusion thick: Forthwith they fly
Chickens, the way they stooped eagles."
CYMBELINE, Act v., Scene 3.

JANUARY 9th.—Funeral of Lord Nelson. 1806.

"Within their chiefest temple I'll erect
A tomb, wherein his corpse shall be interred."
HENRY I., Act ii., Scene 2.

JANUARY 10th.—Disturbances in England, caused by raising the price of porter. 1792.

"We can afford no more at such a price."
LOVE'S LABOR LOST, Act v., Scene 2.

JANUARY 11th.—Spirit thermometer sunk to 39° below zero in New Hampshire. 1848.

"But this place is too cold for Hell!"
MACBETH, Act ii., Scene 3.

JANUARY 12th.—Herculaneum discovered. 1730.

"What's to do?
Shall we go see the reliques of this town?"
TWELFTH NIGHT, Act iii., Scene iii.

JANUARY 13th.—A remarkable comet appeared. 1470.

"Comets, importing change of time and States,
Brandish your crystal tresses in the sky."
I. HENRY VI., Act i., Scene 1.

JANUARY 14th.—The Newtonian Telescope first exhibited to the King. 1521.

"Master! I am to discourse wonders."
MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, Act iv., Scene 2.

JANUARY 15th.—Negroes declared free in Scotland. 1778.

"I shall miss thee,
But yet thou shalt have freedom."
TEMPEST, Act v., Scene 1.

JANUARY 16th.—Charles V. abdicates his throne. 1556.

"I swear 'tis better to be lowly born,
And range with humble livers, in content,
Than to be perked up in a glistering grief,
And wear a golden sorrow."
KING HENRY VIII., Act ii., Scene 3.

JANUARY 17th.—Revolution in Denmark —1772.

"Something is rotten in the state of Denmark."
HAMLET, Act i., Scene 4.

JANUARY 18th.—Henry the Seventh's chapel consecrated. 1504.

"The Commons hast thou racked; the Clergy's bags
Are lank and lean with thy extortions.—
Thy sumptuous buildings
Have cost a mass of public treasury."
HENRY VIII., Act i., Scene 3.

JANUARY 19th.—Ciudad Rodrigo taken by Wellington. 1812.

"'Till we called
Both field and city ours, he never stood
To ease his breath with panting."
CORIOLANUS, Act ii., Scene 2.

JANUARY 20th.—Garrick died. 1779.

"He would drown the stage with tears,
And cleave the general ear with horrid speech;

Make mad the guilty and appal the free,
Confound the ignorant, and amaze, indeed,
The very faculties of eyes and ears."

HAMLET, Act ii., Scene 2.

JANUARY 21.—Louis XVI. put to death. 1793.

"Your great goodness out of holy pity
Absolved him with an axe!"

HENRY VIII., Act iii., Scene 2.

JANUARY 22d.—George Stevens, the Editor of Shakspeare's Works, died. 1800.

"You are made
Rather to wonder at the things you hear,
Than to work any."

CYMBELINE, Act v., Scene 3.

JANUARY 23d.—The House of Commons established. 1265.

"That the laws of England may come out of your mouth."

2 HENRY VI., Act iv., Scene 7.

JANUARY 24th.—The order of the Knights of St. John instituted. 1099.

"For Christian service and true chivalry."

RICHARD II., Act ii., Scene 1.

JANUARY 25th.—The Long Parliament dissolved. 1679.

"Away; for thou hast staid us here too long."
TITUS ANDRONICUS, Act ii., Scene 3.

JANUARY 26th.—Michigan admitted into the Union. 1837.

"Then you love us, we you, and we'll clasp hands."
PRINCE PERICLES, Act ii., Scene 4.

JANUARY 27th.—Mozart born. 1756.

"Sir, you are music's master."
PRINCE PERICLES, Act ii., Scene 5.

JANUARY 28th.—The Habeas Corpus Act restored. 1818.

"The law hath not been dead, though it hath slept."
MEASURE FOR MEASURE, Act ii., Scene 3.

JANUARY 29th.—Emanuel Swedenborg born. 1689.

"I am a prophet, new inspired."
RICHARD II., Act ii., Scene 1.

JANUARY 30th.—Charles I. beheaded. 1649.

"Thy fierce hand
Hath, with the king's blood, stained the king's own land."

RICHARD II., Act v., Scene 5.

JANUARY 31st.—Massacre of Glencoe. 1692.

"Such a piece of slaughter,
The sun and moon ne'er look'd upon."

PRINCE PERICLES, Act iv., Scene 4.

February.

FEBRUARY 1st.—The first clock put up in Westminster Abbey. 1287.

"Come what may,
Time and the hour run through the roughest day."
MACBETH, Act i., Scene 3.

FEBRUARY 2d.—Maps and sea-charts first brought to England by Bartholomew Columbus, to illustrate his brother's theory of a Western Continent. 1489.

"Peering in maps for ports, and piers, and roads."
MERCHANT OF VENICE, Act i., Scene 1.

FEBRUARY 3d.—Excitement in England about witchcraft. 1808.

"Shall it for shame be spoken in these days,
Or fill up chronicles in times to come,
That men of your nobility and power
Did gage them both in an unjust behalf."
1 HENRY IV., Act i., Scene 3.

FEBRUARY 4th.—John Rogers suffered martyrdom, "leaving a family of nine small children!" 1555.

"Had not God, for some strong purpose, steel'd
The hearts of men, they must perforce have melted—
And barbarism itself have pitied him."
RICHARD II., Act v., Scene 2.

FEBRUARY 5th.—The House of Lords abolished. 1649.

"Ay, ay, farewell. Thy office is discharged."
2 HENRY VI., Act ii., Scene 4.

FEBRUARY 6th.—King Charles II. died, 1685.

"Cut off even in the blossoms of my sin
Unhousel'd, disappointed, unanneal'd:
No reckoning made, but sent to my account,
With all my imperfections on my head."
HAMLET, Act i., Scene 5.

FEBRUARY 7th.—The first almanac published in Poland. 1470.

"A calendar, a calendar! look in the almanac, find out moonshine, find out moonshine!"
MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, Act iii., Scene 1.

FEBRUARY 8th.—Mary, Queen of Scots, beheaded. 1587.

"O! this is full of pity! Sir, it calls,
I fear, too many curses on their heads
Who were the authors."
HENRY VIII., Act ii., Scene 1.

FEBRUARY 9th.—A party of Laplanders arrived in London. 1816.

"There was casting up of eyes, and holding up of hands."
WINTER'S TALE, Act v., Scene 2.

FEBRUARY 10th.—Queen Victoria and Prince Albert married. 1840.

"God, the best maker of all marriages,
Combine your hearts in one—your realms in one."
HENRY V., Act v., Scene 2.

FEBRUARY 11th.—Shenstone died—1763.

"Hang odes upon hawthorns, and elegies on brambles."

As You Like It, Act iii., Scene 2.

February 12th.—Lady Jane Grey beheaded. 1553.

"Lay her i' the earth:—
And from her fair and unpolluted flesh
May violets spring!"—

Hamlet, Act v., Scene 2.

February 13th.—Assassination of the Duke de Berri. 1821.

"Help, masters! Here's a goodly watch indeed."

Othello, Act ii., Scene 3.

February 14th.—St. Valentine's day.

"Good morrow, 'tis St. Valentine's day,
All in a morning betime,
And I, a maid, at your window,
To be your Valentine."

Hamlet, Act iv., Scene 5.

February 15th.—The Pope expelled from Rome. 1798.

"I cannot tell, good sir, for which of his virtues it was, but he was certainly whipped out of court."

Winter's Tale, Act iv., Scene 2.

FEBRUARY 16th.—Miss Kelly shot at while acting in Drury Lane Theatre, by George Barrett. 1816.

"Indeed he was mad for her, and talked of Satan, and of limbo, and of furies."

ALL'S WELL, Act v., Scene 3.

FEBRUARY 17th.—Michael Angelo died. 1563.

"So famous,
So excellent in art, and still so rising."

HENRY VIII., Act iv., Scene 2.

FEBRUARY 18th.—Martin Luther died. 1546.

"'Tis much he dares;
And to that dauntless temper of his mind
He hath a wisdom that doth guide his valor."

MACBETH, Act iii., Scene 1.

FEBRUARY 19th.—Battle of Lexington. 1775.

"Their curses now
Live where their prayers did; and it's come to pass

That tractable obedience is a slave
To each incensed will."

HENRY VIII., Act i., Scene 3.

FEBRUARY 20th.—The Rivers Sark and Siddel become suddenly and entirely dry. 1748.

"These are not natural events."

TEMPEST, Act v., Scene 1.

FEBRUARY 21st.—Sidney Smith died. 1845.

"Full of comparisons and wounding flouts;
Which you on all estates will execute,
That lie within the mercy of your wit."

LOVE'S LABOR LOST, Act v., Scene 6.

FEBRUARY 22d.—George Washington born.

"This was the noblest Roman of them all—
——— And the elements
So mixed up in him, that nature might stand up
And say to all the world, '*This was a man!*'"

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act v., Scene 5.

FEBRUARY 23d.—The French Revolution commenced. 1848.

"Such is the infection of the time,
That for the health and physic of our right,
We cannot deal but with the very hand
Of stern injustice and confused wrong."
KING JOHN, Act v., Scene 2.

FEBRUARY 24th.—Robert Fulton died. 1815.

"But, indeed, my invention
Cometh from my pate."
OTHELLO, Act ii., Scene 1.

FEBRUARY 25th.—Queen Elizabeth excommunicated. 1670.

"That's the curse of Rome."
KING JOHN, Act iii., Scene 1.

FEBRUARY 26th.—French Republic proclaimed "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity." 1848.

"Waving our red weapons o'er our heads,
Let's all cry—Peace, Freedom, and Liberty."
JULIUS CÆSAR, Act iii., Scene 1.

FEBRUARY 27th.—Dr. Arbuthnot died. 1734.

"By medicine age may be prolonged, yet death
Will seize the doctor too."

CYMBELINE, Act v., Scene 5.

FEBRUARY 28th.—The degree of Master of Arts conferred on Samuel Johnson. 1755.

"This is some fellow
Who, having been praised for bluntness, doth affect
A saucy roughness."

KING LEAR, Act ii., Scene 2.

FEBRUARY 29th.—Thirteen whales driven ashore on the coast of England. 1792.

"Send precepts to the Leviathan
To come ashore."

HENRY V., Act iii., Scene 3.

March.

MARCH 1st.—Annexation of Texas. 1845.

"You lay out too much pains
For purchasing but trouble."
CYMBELINE, Act ii , Scene 3.

MARCH 2d.—The King of Wirtemburg grants liberty of the press. 1848.

"Blessed be those
That have their honest wills."
CYMBELINE, Act i., Scene 2.

MARCH 3d.—Bankrupt Act repealed. 1842.

"Bankrupts hold fast,
Rather than render back."
TIMON OF ATHENS, Act iv., Scene 1.

MARCH 4th.—Battle of Ivry, causing the ruin of the League. 1590.

"Oppression had made up this league."
KING JOHN, Act iii., Scene 1.

MARCH 5th.—General Taylor inaugurated as President of the United States. 1849.

"Consider further
That when he speaks not like a citizen,
You find him like a soldier: Do not take
His rougher accents for malicious sounds,
But as I say, such as become a soldier."
CORIOLANUS, Act iii., Scene 3.

MARCH 6th.—Dr. Samuel Parr died. 1825.

"A careful man, and a great scholar."
TWELFTH NIGHT, Act iv., Scene 1.

MARCH 7th.—Frederic I., the patron of minnesingers, died. 1190.

"Give me leave to read philosophy,
And, as I pause, serve in your harmony."
TAMING A SHREW, Act iii., Scene 1.

MARCH 8th.—Earthquake at London. 1750.

"The frame, and huge foundation of the earth
Shak'd like a coward."
1 HENRY IV., Act iii., Scene 1.

MARCH 9th.—David Rizzio murdered. 1566.

"Butchers and villains, bloody cannibals!
How sweet a plant have you untimely cropped."
3 HENRY VI., Act v., Scene 5.

MARCH 10th.—Illumination in London for the restoration of the health of George III. 1789.

"Make Lud's town with rejoicing fires bright."
CYMBELINE, Act iii, Scene 1.

MARCH 11th.—Penny loaves given away at Newark-upon-Trent, annually, in celebration of the escape of Hercules Clay from the Royalists, in 1694.

"Having often of your open bounty tasted."
TIMON OF ATHENS, Act v., Scene 1.

MARCH 12.—The Irish director O'Conner arrested. 1798.

"I had as lief have the foppery of freedom as the morality of imprisonment."
MEASURE FOR MEASURE, Act i., Scene 3.

MARCH. 13th.—Cortes lands in Mexico. 1519.

"Before him he carries noise,
Behind him he leaves tears."

CORIOLANUS, Act ii., Scene 1.

MARCH 14th.—Klopstock died. 1813.

"Thou ownest the heavenly influence of the Muse."

POEMS.

MARCH 15th.—Julius Cæsar died.—44 B. C.

"O, mighty Cæsar! dost thou lie so low?
Are all thy conquests, glories, triumphs, spoils,
Shrunk to this little measure?"

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act iii., Scene 1.

MARCH 16th.—Plague made its appearance again. 1723.

"Now the red pestilence strikes all trades in Rome,
And occupations perish."

CORIOLANUS, Act iv., Scene 1.

MARCH 17th.—St. Patrick's Day.

"We'll set thy statue in some holy place,
And have thee reverenced for a blessed saint."

1 HENRY VI., Act iii, Scene 3.

MARCH 18th.—Robert Walpole died. 1745.

"Get thee glass eyes;
And, like a scurvy politician, seem
To see the things thou dost not."

KING LEAR, Act iv., Scene 6.

MARCH 19th.—The first Lunar Eclipse on record. 721.

"And then the moon vanishes."

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, Act v., Scene 1.

MARCH 20th.—Sir Isaac Newton died. 1642.

"BIRON. What is the end of study?
KING. Why that to know, which else we should not know.
BIRON. Things hid and barr'd, you mean, from common sense?
KING. Ay! that is study's god-like recompense."

LOVE'S LABOR LOST, Act i., Scene 1.

MARCH 21st.—Rome taken by the Emperor Henry IV. 1085.

"He will shake your Rome about your ears."

CORIOLANUS, Act iv., Scene 6.

MARCH 22d.—American Stamp Act passed. 1765.

"'Twill be recorded for a precedent;
And many an error, by the same example,
Will rush into the state."

MERCHANT OF VENICE, Act iv., Scene 1.

MARCH 23d.—The Papal Interdict pronounced. 1208.

"Dowered with our curse, and strangered with an oath."

KING LEAR, Act i., Scene 1.

MARCH 24th.—Queen Elizabeth died. 1603.

"She shall be, to the happiness of England,
An aged princess: many days shall see her,
And yet no day without a deed to crown it."

HENRY VIII., Act v., Scene 4.

MARCH 25th.—Charity Schools commenced in England. 1688.

"Magic of Bounty! all these spirits thy power
Hath conjured to attend."

TIMON OF ATHENS, Act i., Scene 1.

MARCH 26th.—Clergy forbidden drunkenness by a law. 1741.

"Every inordinate cup is unblessed, and the ingredient is a devil."

OTHELLO, Act ii., Scene 3.

MARCH 27th.—Ponce de Leon discovers Florida. 1512.

"O Proserpina,
For the flowers now, that, frighted, thou let'st fall,
From Dis' wagon!"

WINTER'S TALE, Act iv., Scene 3.

MARCH 28th.—Gunpowder first used by the Venitians against the Genoese. 1380.

"Is that lead slow which is fired from a gun?"

LOVE'S LABOR LOST, Act iii., Scene 1.

MARCH 29th.—Battle of Towton. 1461.

"Now breathe we, lords; good fortune bids us pause,
And smooth the frowns of war with peaceful looks;

Some troops pursue the bloody-minded queen,
That led calm Henry, though he were a king,
As doth a sail, filled with a fretting gust,
Command an argosy to stem the waves."

3 HENRY VI., Act ii., Scene 6.

MARCH 30th.—Kitty Fisher, afterward Duchess of Bolton, published a card, protesting against the publication of her memoirs. 1759.

"O let my body apprehend no fear; in all Cupid's pageant there is presented no monster."

TROILUS AND CRESSIDA, Act iii., Scene 2.

MARCH 31st.—The sovereigns of the Holy Alliance entered Paris—which was soon followed by the restoration of the Bourbons. 1814.

"Your son, that with a fearful soul
Leads discontented steps in foreign soil,
This fair alliance quickly shall call home
To high promotions and great dignity."

RICHARD III., Act iv., Scene 4.

April.

April 1st.—Napoleon marries Maria Louisa. 1810.

"Shameful is this league,
Fatal this marriage, canceling your fame."
2 Henry VI., Act i., Scene 1.

April 2d.—Kotzebue assassinated—1819.

"Kill men i' the dark! where are these bloody thieves?"
Othello, Act v., Scene 1.

April 3d.—Louis XVIII. reaches Petersburg, where he is granted a pension by the Emperor of Russia. 1798.

"Fortune's malice overthrew my state."
3 Henry VI., Act iv., Scene 3.

April 4th.—Goldsmith died. 1774.

"Dost thou lie still?
If thus thou vanishest, thou tell'st the world
It is not worth leave-taking."
Anthony and Cleopatra, Act v., Scene 2.

APRIL 5th.—Danton and his party sacrificed by Robespierre. 1794.

"Though those that are betrayed
Do feel the treason sharply, yet the traitor
Stands in worse case of woe."

CYMBELINE, Act iii., Scene 4.

APRIL 6th.—Laura de Noves, beloved of Petrarch, died. 1348.

"But are you so much in love as your rhymes speak?

AS YOU LIKE IT, Act iii., Scene 2.

APRIL 7th.—Lord Chatham's last speech to the House of Lords. 1778.

"An old man, broken with the storms of state."

HENRY VIII., Act iv., Scene 2.

APRIL 8th.—Petrarch crowned. 1341.

"Thou art worthy of the sway,
To whom the heavens, in thy nativity,
Adjudged a laurel crown."

3 HENRY VI., Act iv., Scene 6.

APRIL 9th.—Lord Bacon died. 1483.

"Such and so finely bolted did'st thou seem;
And thus thy fall hath left a kind of blot,
To mark the full-fraught man, and best indued
With some suspicion. I will weep for thee;
For this revolt of thine, methinks, is like
Another fall of man."

HENRY V., Act ii., Scene 2.

APRIL 10th.—Chartist demonstration in London. 1848.

"What authority surfeits on, would relieve us: if they would yield us but the superfluity, while it were wholesome, we might guess they relieved us humanely."

CORIOLANUS, Act i., Scene 1.

APRIL 11th.—Abdication of Napoleon at Fontainebleau. 1814.

"I give this heavy weight, from off my head,
And this unwieldy sceptre from my hand."

RICHARD II., Act iv., Scene 1.

APRIL 12th.—Seneca died. 65.

"Full of wise saws."

AS YOU LIKE IT, Act ii., Scene 7.

APRIL 13th.—Catholic Emancipation takes place. 1829.

"Untainted, unexamined, free, at liberty."
RICHARD III., Act iii., Scene 6.

APRIL 14th. — Handel, the musician, died. 1759.

"Our solemn hymns to sullen dirges change."
ROMEO AND JULIET, Act iv., Scene 5.

APRIL 15th. — Calais taken by storm. 1596.

"Defacing monuments of conquer'd France :
Undoing all, as all had never been."
2 HENRY VI., Act i., Scene 1.

APRIL 16th.—Buffon, the Naturalist, died. 1788.

"He has walked the way of Nature."
2 HENRY IV., Act v., Scene 2.

APRIL 17th. — Sir William Darenaut died. 1668.

"The force of his own merit makes his way."
HENRY VIII., Act i., Scene 1.

APRIL 18th.—Judge Jeffries died—1689.

"O be thou damn'd, inexorable dog!
And for thy life let justice be accused."
MERCHANT OF VENICE, Act iv., Scene 1.

APRIL 19th.—Lord Byron died. 1824.

"Yes, Lion-sick, sick of proud heart: you may call it melancholy if you will favor the man; but by my head 'tis pride."
TROILUS AND CRESSIDA, Act ii., Scene 3.

APRIL 20th.—Dissolution of the Rump Parliament. 1653.

"Stand not upon the order of your going,
But go at once."
MACBETH, Act iii., Scene 4.

APRIL 21st.—Abelard died. 1142.

"Love is your master, for he masters you:
And he that is so yoked by a fool
Should not, methinks, be chronicled for wise."
TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA, Act i., Scene 1.

APRIL 22d.—Peace of Aix la Chapelle. 1748.

"This peace is nothing but to rust iron, increase tailors, and breed ballad-makers."
CORIOLANUS., Act iv., Scene 5.

APRIL 23d.—Shakspeare died in England, and Cervantes in Spain. 1616.

"O, insupportable! Oh, heavy hour!
Methinks it should now be a huge eclipse
Of sun and moon, and that the affrighted globe
Should yawn at alteration."

OTHELLO, Act v., Scene 2.

APRIL 24th.—Torquato Tasso died. 1595.

"His grief grew puissant, and the strings of life
Began to crack."

KING LEAR, Act v., Scene 3.

APRIL 25th.—Cromwell born. 1599.

"I shall desire to see what this child does."

HENRY VIII., Act v., Scene 4.

APRIL 26th.—Daniel De Foe died. 1731.

"A fellow of most excellent fancy."

HAMLET, Act v., Scene 1.

APRIL 27th.—Sir William Jones, the Orientalist, died. 1794.

"Is this the man? Is 't you, sir, that know things?"

ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA, Act i., Scene 2.

APRIL 28th.—The Play of Julius Cæsar performed at Drury Lane Theatre, to raise funds for the erection of a monument to Shakspeare. 1738.

"How many ages hence
Shall this our lofty scene be acted over
In stàtes unborn, and accents yet unknown."

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act iii., Scene 1.

APRIL 29th.—Trial of Lord Melville. 1806.

"And here I stand—judge, my masters."

1 HENRY iv., Act ii., Scene 4.

APRIL 30th.—The Chevalier Bayard died. 1524. *Sans peur et sans reproche.*

"A braver soldier never couchéd lance,
A gentler heart did never sway in court."

1 HENRY VI., Act iii., Scene 2.

May.

MAY 1st.—Second Nomination of Henry Clay for the Presidency. 1844.

"I have seen a swan
With bootless labor swim against the tide,
And spend his strength with overmatching waves."

3 HENRY VI., Act i., Scene 4.

MAY 2d.—Great Riot in Manchester, England. 1469.

"What work's, my countrymen, in hand?—
Where go you
With bats and clubs? The matter? Speak, I pray you!"

CORIOLANUS, Act i., Scene 1.

MAY 3d.—Machiavelli born. 1469.

"The devil knew not what he did when he made man politic."

TIMON OF ATHENS, Act iii., Scene 3.

MAY 4th.—Napoleon arrived at Elba. 1814.

"Eating the bitter bread of banishment."

RICHARD II., Act iii., Scene 1.

MAY 5th.—Napoleon died at St. Helena. 1821.

"But yesterday the word of Cæsar might
Have stood against the world: now lies he there,
And none so poor to do him reverence."

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act iii., Scene 2.

MAY 6th.—The South Sea Act passed the House of Commons. 1717.

"On my life, my lord, a bubble!"

ALL'S WELL, Act iii., Scene 6.

MAY 7th.—A Patent granted to James Burbage and his Associates for Theatrical Exhibitions. 1574.

"Good, my lord, will you see the players well bestowed? Do you hear? let them be well used; for they are the abstract and brief chronicles of the time."

HAMLET, Act ii., Scene 2.

MAY 8th.—The battle of Palo Alto, in which the Mexicans were signally defeated. 1846.

"They shall have wars, and pay for their presumption!"

3 HENRY VI., Act iv., Scene 1.

MAY 9th.—The battle of Resaca de la Palma, in which the American arms were triumphant. 1846.

"Thus far our fortunes keep an onward course,
And we are graced with wreaths of victory."

3 HENRY VI., Act v., Scene 3.

MAY 10th.—The city of Mexico besieged by Cortes. 1521.

"Girdled with a waist of iron,
And hemm'd about with grim destruction."

1 HENRY VI., Act iv., Scene 3.

MAY 11th.—Pharaoh and his host drowned in the Red Sea—B. C. 1489.

"A thousand men that fishes gnaw'd upon!"

RICHARD III., Act i., Scene 4.

MAY 12th.—The city of Charleston surrendered to the British. 1780.

"What say you? Will you yield, and thus avoid?
Or guilty, in defence, be thus destroyed?
Gov. Our expectation hath this day an end:
* * * * * * *
We yield our town and lives to thy soft mercy;
Enter our gates; dispose of us and ours,
For we no longer are defensible."

HENRY V., Act iii., Scene 3.

MAY 13th.—The Southern Literary Gazette established. 1848.

"There are some shrewd contents in yon same paper!"

MERCHANT OF VENICE, Act iii., Scene 2.

MAY 14th.—Henry IV., of France, assassinated by Ravaillac. 1610.

"Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood
Clean from my hand? No; this my hand will rather
The multitudinous seas incarnadine,
Making the green—one red."

MACBETH, Act ii., Scene 2.

MAY 15th.—The American Congress assumes Independence. 1776.

"If it were done, when 'tis done, then 'twere well
It were done quickly."

MACBETH, Act i., Scene 7.

MAY 16th.—The Bill to remove the civil disabilities of the Jews rejected in the British Parliament. 1830.

"Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer as a Christian is?"

MERCHANT OF VENICE, Act iii., Scene 1.

MAY 17th.—Napoleon ascended the Alps. 1800.

"That is a step
O'er which I must fall down, or else o'er leap;
For in my way it lies."

MACBETH, Act i., Scene 4.

MAY 18th.—Queens of England, France, and Scotland met together in England. 1517.

"When shall we three meet again?"

MACBETH, Act i., Scene 1.

MAY 19th.—James Boswell died. 1795.

"Why what a candy deal of courtesy—
This fawning greyhound then did proffer me!"

1 HENRY IV., Act i., Scene 3.

MAY 20th.—The Spaniards fruitlessly besieged Gibraltar. 1727.

"You may as well go about to turn the sun to ice by fanning in his face with a peacock's feather."

HENRY V., Act iv., Scene 1.

MAY 21st.—Hippocrates, "the father of medicine," died—B. C. 361.

"Whose skill was almost as great as his honesty; had it stretched so far, 'twould have made nature immortal, and death should have played for lack of work."

ALL'S WELL, Act i., Scene 1.

MAY 22d.—The battle of Prague. 1757.

"The imminent death of twenty thousand men,
That for a phantasy and trick of fame,
Go to their graves like beds."

HAMLET, Act iv., Scene 3.

MAY 23d.—Captain Ross sailed in the steamer Victory, to continue his search after the North-West Passage. 1829.

"The stirring *passage* of the day."

COMEDY OF ERRORS, Act iii., Scene 1.

MAY 24th.—Victoria was born. 1819.

"She had all the royal makings of a queen!"

HENRY VIII., Act iv., Scene 1.

MAY 25th.—King John surrendered his crown to the Pope's Legate. 1213.

"Thus have I yielded up into your hand
The circle of my glory."

KING JOHN, Act v., Scene 1.

MAY 26th.—Prince Louis Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the fortress of Ham. 1846.

"Therefore, to horse;
And let us not be dainty of leave-taking,
But shift away."

MACBETH, Act ii., Scene 3.

MAY 27th.—Napoleon defeated before Acre. 1799.

"Our hap is loss, our hope but sad despair;
Our ranks are broke, and ruin follows us."

3 HENRY VI., Act ii., Scene 3.

MAY 28th.—Noah Webster died. 1843.

"You have an exchequer of words, and I think no other treasure, to give your followers, for it appears by their bare liveries that they live by your bare words."

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA, Act ii., Scene 4.

MAY 29th.—Virginia Resolutions against taxation. 1765.

"Why tribute? Why should we pay tribute? If Cæsar can hide the sun from us with a blanket, or put the moon in his pocket, we will pay him tribute for light. Else, sir, no more tribute—pray you now."

CYMBELINE, Act iii., Scene 1.

MAY 30th.—The Empress Josephine died at Paris. 1814.

"Beguiled, divorced, wronged, spited, slain."

ROMEO AND JULIET, Act iv., Scene 5.

MAY 31st.—Haydn died. 1815.

"His tongue is now a stringless instrument."

RICHARD II., Act ii., Scene 1.

June.

June 1st.—Gold discovered in California. 1848.

"A pickaxe and a spade, a spade,
For—and a shrouding sheet."

Hamlet, Act v., Scene 1.

June 2d.—Grand Cairo nearly destroyed by an earthquake. 1574.

"Diseased nature oftentimes breaks forth
In strange eruptions: oft the teeming earth
Is with a kind of colic pinch'd and vex'd,
By the imprisoning of unruly wind
Within her womb; which, for enlargement striving,
Shakes the old beldame earth, and topples down
Steeples, and moss-grown towers."

1 Henry IV., Act iii., Scene 1.

June 3d.—Rape of the Sabine women. B. C. 750.

"Saint Dennis bless this happy stratagem!"

1 HENRY VI., Act iii., Scene 2.

JUNE 4th.—London at the mercy of a mob. 1780.

"You have made good work,
You and your apron men; you that stood so much
Upon the voice of occupation, and
The breath of garlic eaters."

2 HENRY IV., Act i., Scene 1.

JUNE 5th.—The Marriage Act passed. 1753.

"Marriage is a matter of more worth
Than to be dealt in by attorneyship."

1 HENRY VI., Act v., Scene 5.

JUNE 6th.—Patrick Henry died. 1799.

"A foe to tyrants, and my country's friend."

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act v., Scene 4.

JUNE 7th.—Queen Caroline demands a trial. 1820.

"If I shall be condemned
Upon surmises; all proof sleeping else

But what your jealousies await; I tell you
'Tis rigor and not law."

WINTER'S TALE, Act iii., Scene 2.

JUNE 8th.—Edward, the Black Prince, died. 1330.

"It is held
That valor is the chiefest virtue, and
Most dignifies the haver: if it be—
The man I speak of, cannot in the world
Be singly counterpoised."

CORIOLANUS, Act ii., Scene 3.

JUNE 9th.—Great eruption of Vesuvius. 993.

"The fire and cracks
Of sulphurous roaring, the most mighty Neptune
Seem'd to besiege, and make his bold waves tremble—
Yea, and his dread trident shake!"

TEMPEST, Act i., Scene 2.

JUNE 10th.—The Old Pretender died. 1776.

"In the name of God,
How comes it, then, that thou art called a king,

When living blood doth in these temples beat,
Which owe the crown that thou o'ermasterest?"

KING JOHN, Act ii., Scene 1.

JUNE 11th.—Malta taken by the French. 1798.

"Truly to speak, sir, and with no addition,
We go to gain a little patch of ground,
That hath in it no profit but the name."

HAMLET, Act iv., Scene 4.

JUNE 12th.—Lord Melville acquitted. 1806.

"No might nor greatness in mortality,
Can censure 'scape: back-wounding calumny
The whitest virtue strikes."

MEASURE FOR MEASURE, Act iii., Scene 2.

JUNE 13th.—Lord Hastings put to death. 1483.

"Here is the head of that ignoble traitor,
The dangerous and unsuspected Hastings!"

RICHARD III., Act iii., Scene 5.

JUNE 14th.—The Rye House Plot discovered. 1683.

"Such a deal of wonder is broken out within this hour, that the ballad-makers cannot be able to express it."

WINTER'S TALE, Act v., Scene 2.

JUNE 15th.—Magna Charta signed at Runymede, by King John. 1215.

"On his choice depends
The safety and health of the whole State:
And therefore must his choice be circumscribed
Unto the voice and yielding of that body,
Whereof he is the head."

HAMLET, Act i., Scene 3.

JUNE 16th.—Salamanca entered by Wellington. 1812.

"Open your city gates;
Be humble to us; call my sovereign yours,
And do him homage as obedient subjects."

HENRY VI., Act iv., Scene 2.

JUNE 17th.—Battle of Bunker Hill. 1775.

"One to ten!
Lean, raw-boned rascals! who would e'er suppose
They had such courage and audacity?"

1 HENRY VI., Act i., Scene 2.

JUNE 18th.—Battle of Waterloo. 1815.

"O, such a day,
So fought, so followed, and so fairly won,
Came not, till now, to dignify the times."

HENRY IV., Act i., Scene 1.

JUNE 19th.—First General Council of Nice met. 326.

"It is not to be questioned
That they had gathered a wise council to them
Of every realm."

HENRY VIII., Act ii., Scene 4.

JUNE 20th.—123 persons died in the Black Hole. 1756.

"Murder most foul, as in the best it is;
But this most foul, strange, and unnatural."

HAMLET, Act i., Scene 5.

JUNE 21st.—The shortest night of the year.

"Out, brief candle!"

MACBETH.

JUNE 22d.—Brougham's first plea at the bar of the House of Lords in behalf of Queen Caroline.

"You have here, lady, men
Of singular integrity and learning;
Yea, the elect of the land, who are here assembled
To plead your cause."

HENRY VIII., Act ii., Scene 4.

JUNE 23d.—The French defeated at Crevelt by Prince Ferdinand.

"Sword, hold thy temper; heart, be wrathful still;
Priests pray for enemies, but princes kill."

2 HENRY VI., Act v., Scene 2.

JUNE 24th.—Josephine, Empress of France, born. 1763.

"Thou art alone,
(If thy rare qualities, sweet gentleness,
Thy meekness saint-like, wife—like government,
Obeying in commanding—and thy parts
Sovereign and pious else, could speak thee out,)
The queen of earthly queens."

HENRY VIII., Act ii., Scene 4.

JUNE 25th. — Battle of Bannockburn. 1314.

"When the English measur'd backward their own ground
In faint retire· O, bravely came we off."

KING JOHN, Act v., Scene 5.

JUNE 26th. — George IV. crowned. 1830.

"Yet looks he like a king: behold his eye,
As bright as is the eagle's, lightens forth,
Controlling majesty: Alack, alack, for woe,
That any harm should stain so fair a show."

RICHARD II., Act iii., Scene 3.

JUNE 27th.—Mississippi Scheme failed. 1720.

"Thus hath the candle singed the moth."

MERCHANT OF VENICE, Act ii., Scene 9.

JUNE 28th.—The "Royal George" went down. 1782.

"If thou tell'st this heavy story right,
Upon my soul the hearers will shed tears."

3 HENRY VI., Act i., Scene 4.

JUNE 29th.—Dark at noon in France. 1035.

"A prodigy of fear, and a portent
Of broached mischief to the unborn times."
1 HENRY IV., Act v., Scene 1.

JUNE 30th.—Sub-Treasury became a law. 1840.

"Banish usury, that makes the Senate ugly."
TEMPEST, Act iii., Scene 5.

July.

JULY 1st.—Battle of the Boyne. James II. defeated by William III. 1690.

"Oh! my grieved friends!
That we, the sons and children of this isle,
Were born to see so sad an hour as this:
Wherein we step, after a stranger march,
Upon her gentle bosom, and fill up
Her enemies' ranks."

KING JOHN, Act v., Scene 2.

JULY 2d.—Union Act of Ireland. 1800.

"This land of such dear souls—this dear, dear land—
Dear for her reputation through the world—
Is now leas'd out, (I die pronouncing it,)
Like to a tenement or pelting farm."

RICHARD II., Act ii., Scene 1.

JULY 3d.—Revolution in Paris. 1789.

"I have in equal balance justly weighed
What wrongs our arms may do, what wrongs we suffer,
And find our griefs heavier than our offences."

2 HENRY IV., Act iv, Scene 1.

JULY 4th.—Declaration of the Independence of the United States. 1776.

"The citizens,
I am sure, have shown at full their royal minds,
(As, let them have their rights, they are ever forward,)
In celebration of this day with shows,
Pageants, and sights of honor."

HENRY VIII, Act iv., Scene 1.

JULY 5th.—Battle of Wagram. 1809.

"Let confusion of one part confirm
The other's peace: till then blows, blood, and death."

KING JOHN, Act ii., Scene 2.

JULY 6th.—Flaxman born. 1755.

"Who, had he himself eternity, and could put breath into his work, would beguile nature of her custom, so perfectly he is her ape."

WINTER'S TALE, Act v., Scene 3.

JULY 7th. — English government in France ends. 1453.

"The States of Christendom,
Mov'd with remorse of these outrageous broils,
Have earnestly implor'd a general peace
Betwixt our nation and the aspiring French."

1 HENRY VI., Act v., Scene 4.

JULY 8th.—The English repulsed at Ticonderoga. 1758.

"Shame and confusion! all is on the rout,
Fear frames disorder, and disorder wounds."

2 HENRY VI., Act v., Scene 5.

JULY 9th. — Braddock defeated and killed at Fort Du Quesne. 1755.

"Nor should thy prowess want praise and esteem."

2 HENRY VI., Act v., Scene 2.

JULY 10th.—Smyrna destroyed by an earthquake. 1688.

"It is a reeling world, indeed."

RICHARD III., Act iii., Scene 2.

JULY 11th.—John Q. Adams born. 1767.

"A rarer spirit never
Did steer humanity."

ANT. AND CLEOPATRA, Act v., Scene 1.

JULY 12th.—Confederation of the Rhine. 1806.

"If we live, we live to tread on kings,
If die, brave death where princes die with us."

1 HENRY IV., Act v., Scene 2.

JULY 13th.—Peace between Great Britain and Spain. 1713.

"Every man shall eat in safety
Under his own vine that he plants; and sing
The merry songs of peace to all his neighbors."

HENRY VIII., Act v., Scene 4.

JULY 14th.—Bastile destroyed. 1789.

"The cannons have their bowels full of wrath;
And ready mounted are they to spit forth
Their iron indignation 'gainst your walls."

KING JOHN, Act ii., Scene 1.

JULY 15th.—Admirable Crichton murdered. 1582.

"Praise him that got thee, she that gave thee suck;
Fam'd be thy tutor; and thy parts of nature
Thrice fam'd, beyond all erudition."

TROILUS AND CRESSIDA, Act ii., Scene 3.

JULY 16th.—Painting in oil-colors invented by John Van-eyck. 1410.

"I'll say of it,
It tutors nature: artificial strife
Lives in these touches, livelier than life."

TIMON OF ATHENS, Act i., Scene 1.

JULY 17th.—The Hegira. 622.

"The affair cries—Haste,
And speed must answer it."

OTHELLO, Act i., Scene 3.

JULY 18th.—Marlboro' forces the French lines at Brabant. 1705.

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more;
Or close the wall up with our English dead!"

HENRY V., Act iii., Scene 1.

JULY 19th.—Luxemburg defeats the allies at Landen. 1693.

"What he will, he does; and does so much,
That proof is called impossibility."

TROILUS AND CRESSIDA, Act v., Scene 5.

JULY 20th.—Union between England and Scotland. 1706.

"How, in one house,
Should many people under two commands
Hold amity."

KING LEAR, Act ii., Scene 4.

JULY 21st. — Treaty of Passarowitz. 1718.

"To establish here a peace, indeed,
Concurring both in name and quality."

2 HENRY IV., Act iv., Scene 1.

JULY 22d.—Battle of Shrewsbury. Hotspur killed. 1403.

"I run before King Harry's victory:
Who in a bloody field by Shrewsbury
Hath beaten down young Hotspur and his troops."

2 HENRY IV., Scene 2.

JULY 23d.—Parliament established in Paris. 1294.

"God speed the Parliament!"

1 HENRY IV., Act iii., Scene 2.

JULY 24th.—Gibraltar taken by Sir George Rorke. 1704.

"A very good piece of work I assure you."

MIDSUM. NIGHT'S DREAM, Act i., Scene 2.

JULY 25th.—Madeira taken by the English. 1801.

"That we may
Taste of your wine, and see what cates you have,
For soldiers' stomachs always serve them well."

1 HENRY. VI., Act ii., Scene 3.

JULY 26th.—Order of St. Michael instituted in France. 1469.

"He is a knight, dubb'd with unhack'd rapier, and on carpet consideration."

TWELFTH NIGHT, Act iii., Scene 4.

JULY 27th.—Spanish Armada destroyed. 1588.

"Methought I saw a thousand fearful wrecks—
A thousand men that fishes gnawed upon."

RICHARD III., Act i., Scene 4.

JULY 28th.—Date of first Newspaper in England. 1588.

"Give to a gracious message
A host of tongues."

ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA, Act ii., Scene 5.

JULY 29th.—The English defeated the Dutch fleet near the Texel. 1653.

"A braver choice of dauntless spirits
Than now the English bottoms have waft o'er,
Did never float upon the swelling tide."

KING JOHN, Act ii., Scene 1

JULY 30th. — Earthquake at Rome. 1805.

"Are not you moved, when all the sway of earth
Shakes like a thing infirm?"

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act i., Scene 3.

JULY 31st. — Peace of Nimeguen. 1678.

"Thy threatening colors now wind up,
And tame the savage spirit of wild war."

KING JOHN, Act v., Scene 2.

August.

August 1st.—Savage died of starvation in the streets of London. 1743.

"Who gives anything to poor Tom?"

King Lear, Act iii., Scene 4.

August 2d.—Glove tax repealed. 1795.

"Whoever dare to challenge this glove, I have sworn to take him a box o' the ear."

Henry V., Act iv., Scene 7.

August 3d. — Hailstones, measuring eighteen inches, fell at Alençon. 1774.

"Are there no stones in heaven?"

Othello, Act v., Scene 2.

August 4th.—East India Docks opened. 1806.

"Which stand
As Neptune's park, ribbed and paled in."

Cymbeline, Act iii., Scene 1.

August 5th.—Henry I. crowned. 1100.

"I taste grief, need friends, like you; subjected thus,
How can you say to me—I am a king?"
RICHARD II., Act iii., Scene 2.

AUGUST 6th.—Sir Thomas More beneaded by Henry VIII. 1585.

"He was a fool:
For he had needs be virtuous."
HENRY VIII., Act ii., Scene 2.

AUGUST 7th.—Battle of Thermopylæ. 480.

"History shall, with full mouth,
Speak freely of our acts."
HENRY V., Act i., Scene 2.

AUGUST 8th.—Charles I. sold by the Scots. 1646.

"O, monstrous treachery! Can this be so?"
1 HENRY VI., Act iv., Scene 1.

AUGUST 9th.—Prince of Condi born. 1736.

"At thy birth—
Nature and fortune joined to make thee great."
KING JOHN, Act iii., Scene 1.

AUGUST 10th.—Louis XVI. cast into prison. 1792.

"What must the king do now? Must he submit?
The king shall do it. Must he be deposed?
Must he lose
The name of King? i' God's name, let it go."

RICHARD II., Act iii., Scene 3.

AUGUST 11th.—Davis's Strait discovered. 1585.

"Whose icy current, and compulsive course,
Ne'er feels retiring ebb."

OTHELLO, Act iii., Scene 3.

AUGUST 12th. — George IV. born— 1762.

"Believe me, a most absolute gentleman."

HAMLET, Act v., Scene 2.

AUGUST 13th. — Jeremy Taylor died. 1667.

"His contemplations were above the earth,
And fixed on spiritual objects."

HENRY VIII., Act iii., Scene 2.

AUGUST 14th.—Riot at the Queen's funeral. 1821.

"Was ever feather so lightly blown to and fro as this multitude?"

2 HENRY VI., Act iv., Scene 8.

AUGUST 15th.—Napoleon born. 1769.

"Look! the unfolding star!"

MEASURE FOR MEASURE, Act iv., Scene 2.

AUGUST 16th.—Calais besieged and taken. 1347.

"Tell us, shall your city call us lord,
In that behalf which we have challenged it,
Or shall we give the signal to our rage,
And stalk in blood to our possession?"

KING JOHN, Act ii., Scene 1.

AUGUST 17th.—Highland dress forbidden by law. 1746.

"I do not like the fashion of your garments: let them be changed."

KING LEAR, Act iii., Scene 6.

AUGUST 18th.—Great hailstorm in England. 1802.

"All hail!"

MACBETH, Act i., Scene 3.

AUGUST 19th. — Count Rumford died. 1814.

"By deed-achieving honor newly named."

CORIOLANUS, Act ii., Scene 1.

AUGUST 20th.—The Pope sends a Legate to Prester John. 1178.

"I will fetch you a tooth-picker now from the farthest inch of Asia: bring you the length of Prester John's foot."

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, Act ii., Scene 1.

AUGUST 21.—Bernadotte chosen Crown Prince of Sweden. 1810.

"Some have greatness thrust upon them."

TWELFTH NIGHT, Act iii., Scene 4.

AUGUST 22d.—Alexandria taken by the English. 1814.

"From Alexandria this is the news."

ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA, Act i., Scene 4.

AUGUST 23d.—Edward I. returns from the Holy Land. 1274.

"To chase these pagans in those holy fields
Over whose acres walked those blessed feet,
Which fourteen hundred years ago were nailed,
For our advantage, on the bitter cross."

1 HENRY IV., Act i., Scene 1.

AUGUST 24th. — Massacre of St. Bar tholomew. 1572.

"This is the bloodiest shame,
The wildest savag'ry, the vilest stroke,
That ever wall-ey'd wrath, or staring rage,
Presented to the tears of soft remorse."

KING JOHN, Act iv., Scene 3.

AUGUST 25th.—Order of Jesuits suppressed in France. 1773.

"Like youthful steers unyok'd they take their courses,
East, West, North, South."

HENRY IV. Act iv., Scene 2.

AUGUST 26th.—Battle of Cressy. 1346.

"When Cressy's battle fatally was struck,
And all our princes captived by the hand

Of that black name, Edward, Black Prince of Wales."

HENRY V., Act ii., Scene 4.

AUGUST 27th.—Queen Caroline died. 1821.

"Alas! poor lady!
'Tis a hard bondage, to become the wife
Of a detesting lord."

ALL'S WELL, Act iii., Scene 5.

AUGUST 28th.—Pleures in Switzerland destroyed by the falling in of a mountain. 1618.

"What ribs of oak, when mountains melt on them,
Can hold the mortise?"

OTHELLO, Act ii., Scene 1.

AUGUST 28th.—The Treaty of Amiens. 1475.

"Grim-visaged war hath smoothed his wrinkled front."

RICHARD III., Act i., Scene 1.

AUGUST 30th.—Henry V. excommunicated by Pope Paul. 1535.

"By the lawful power that I have,
Thou shalt stand cursed and excommunicate:
And blessed shall he be, that doth revolt
From his allegiance to an heretic."

KING JOHN, Act iii., Scene 1.

AUGUST 31st.—Henry VI. ascended the throne of England. 1432.

"Woe to that land, that's governed by a child!"

RICHARD III., Act ii., Scene 3.

September.

SEPTEMBER 1st. — Sir Richard Steele died. 1729.

"Thou art a fellow of a good respect:
Thy life hath had some snatch of honor in it."

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act iv., Scene 5.

SEPTEMBER 2d.—Lady Lisle beheaded at Winchester. 1685.

"Woe to the hand that shed this costly blood."

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act iii., Scene 1.

SEPTEMBER 3d.—Oliver Cromwell died. 1658.

"These eyes that now are dimm'd with death's dark veil,
Have been as piercing as the mid-day sun
To search the secret treasons of the world;
The wrinkles in my brow, now filled with blood,
Were liken'd oft to kingly sepulchres:
For who lived king but I could dig his grave."

3 HENRY VI., Act v., Scene 2.

SEPTEMBER 4th.—General Moreau died. 1813.

"This fell sergeant death
Is strict in his arrest."

HAMLET, Act v., Scene 5.

SEPTEMBER 5th.—The American Congress first met at Philadelphia. 1775.

"Be just and fear not:
Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,
Thy God's, and truth's."

HENRY VIII., Act iii., Scene 2.

SEPTEMBER 6th.—Shakspeare Jubilee at Stratford. 1769.

"This man
Is now become a god."

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act i., Scene 2.

SEPTEMBER 7th.—Lafayette left the United States for France. 1825.

"I have seen
The dumb men throng to see him, and the blind
To hear him speak; the matrons flung their gloves,

Ladies and maids their scarfs and handkerchiefs,
Upon him, as he passed."

CORIOLANUS, Act ii., Scene 1.

SEPTEMBER 8th.—Richard III. crowned at York. 1483.

"Tetchy and wayward was thy infancy;
Thy school-days frightful, desperate, wild and furious;
Thy prime of manhood daring, bold, and venturous;
Thy age confirmed, proud, subtle, sly, and bloody."

RICHARD III., Act iv., Scene 4.

SEPTEMBER 9th.—Independence of the Swiss abolished by the French. 1798.

"Our country sinks beneath the yoke;
It weeps, it bleeds; and each new day a gash
Is added to her wounds."

MACBETH, Act iv., Scene 3.

SEPTEMBER 10th.—Explosion of gunpowder at Bremen—one thousand persons perished. 1739.

"Jove's lightnings, the precursors
O' the dreadful thunder-claps, more momentary
And sight out-running were not."

TEMPEST, Act i., Scene 2.

SEPTEMBER 11th. — The Danes land in England. 1069.

"There comes a power
Into this scatter'd kingdom; who already
Wise in our negligence, have secret feet
In some of our best ports, and are at point
To show their open banner."

KING LEAR, Act iii., Scene 1.

SEPTEMBER 12th. — Wolf killed at the taking of Quebec. 1759.

"He was a man;
The which no sooner had his prowess confirm'd
In the unshrinking station where he fought,
But like a man he died."

MACBETH, Act v., Scene 7.

SEPTEMBER 13th. — The song of "The Star-spangled Banner" written. 1812.

"There's scarce a maid westward but she sings it: 'tis in request, I can tell you.'"

WINTER'S TALE, Act iv., Scene 3.

SEPTEMBER 14th. — Aaron Burr died. 1836.

"O that a mighty man of such descent,
Of such possessions and so high esteem,
Should be infused with so foul a spirit."

TAMING OF THE SHREW, Ind. 2d.

SEPTEMBER 15th.—The French evacuate Portugal. 1808.

"How now, lad? is the wind in that door, i' faith? Must we all march?"

1 HENRY IV., Act iii., Scene 3.

SEPTEMBER 16th. — James II. died, a pensioner on the bounty of Louis XIV. 1701.

"Let us sit upon the ground,
And tell sad stories of the death of kings:—
How some have been deposed."

RICHARD II., Act iii., Scene 2.

SEPTEMBER 17th.—The Jews banished from France. 1394.

"If a Jew wrong a Christian, what is his humility? Revenge. If a Christian wrong a Jew,

what should his sufferance be, by Christian example? Why, *revenge*."

MERCHANT OF VENICE, Act iii., Scene 1.

SEPTEMBER 18th. — Flanders inundated by a great storm. 1014.

"You cataracts and hurricanes, spout
Till you have drenched our steeples, drowned the cocks."

KING LEAR, Act iii., Scene 2.

SEPTEMBER 19th. — Battle of Saratoga. Americans victorious. 1777.

"Heaven, in thy good cause, make thee prosperous!"

RICHARD II., Act i., Scene 3.

SEPTEMBER 20th. — Great eruption of Etna. 1323.

"The fire and cracks
Of sulphurous roaring."

TEMPEST, Act i., Scene 2.

SEPTEMBER 21st.—Chateaubriand struck out of the list of Ministers. 1816.

"Cassio, I love thee—
But never more be officer of mine."
OTHELLO, Act ii., Scene 3.

SEPTEMBER 22d.—George III. crowned: in a few years became insane. 1761.

"Mad world, mad kings, mad composition."
KING JOHN, Act ii., Scene 2.

SEPTEMBER 23d.—Invasion of England by Queen Isabella. 1326.

"Naught shall make us rue
If England to herself rest but true."
KING JOHN, Act v., Scene 3.

SEPTEMBER 24th.—Poet Laureate first appointed. 1487.

"O momentary grace of mortal men,
Which we more hunt for than the grace of God."
RICHARD iii., Act iii., Scene 4.

SEPTEMBER 25th.—The "Peace of Religion" established in Germany. 1555.

"Who should study to prefer a peace,
If holy churchmen take delight in broils?"
1 HENRY VI., Act iii., Scene 1.

SEPTEMBER 26th.—Stephen the Martyr died. 33.

"O God, defend me! how am I beset!"

MUCH ADO, Act iv., Scene 1.

SEPTEMBER 27th.—Nicholas Brown, the founder of Brown University, died. 1841.

"Sir, I praise the Lord for you; and so may my parishioners; for their sons are well tutored by you."

LOVE'S LABOR LOST, Act iv., Scene 2.

SEPTEMBER 28th.—Miltiades lead the Greeks in the battle of Marathon. 490 B. C.

"If it be aught toward the general good,
Let honor in one eye, and death i' the other,
And I will look on both indifferently;
For let the gods so speed me, as I love
The name of honor, more than I fear death."

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act i., Scene 2.

SEPTEMBER 29th.—South Sea Bubble burst. 1720.

"To mock the expectation of the world."

2 HENRY IV., Act v., Scene 2.

SEPTEMBER 30th.—The Empress Maude lands in England, and lays claim to the crown. 1139.

"Lays most lawful claim
To this fair island and the territories—
To Ireland, Poictiers, Anjou, Touraine, Maine;
Desiring thee to lay aside the sword,
Which sways usurpingly these several titles."

KING JOHN, Act i., Scene 1.

October.

October 1st.—A violent frost begins, which continues one hundred and fifty days. 763.

"When icicles hang by the wall,
And Dick the shepherd blows his nail,
And Tom bears logs into the hall,
And milk comes frozen home in pail."

Love's Labor Lost, Act v., Scene 2.

October 2d.—Major Andre hanged. 1780.

"Some sins doth bear their privilege on earth,
And so doth yours."

King John, Act i., Scene 1.

October 3d.—Termination of the Irish War, by the surrender of Limerick. 1690.

"Unthread the rude eye of rebellion,
And welcome home again discarded faith."

King John, Act v., Scene 4.

OCTOBER 4th.—Coverdale's translation of the Bible issued. 1535.

"A very good piece of work, I assure you."

MIDSUM. NIGHT'S DREAM, Act i., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 5th.—Riot in the Isle of Man, on account of the high price of corn. 1821.

"'What's their seeking?'
'For corn at their own rates, whereof they say
The city is well stored.'"

CORIOLANUS, Act i., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 6th.—Jenny Lind born. 1820.

"She will sing the savageness out of a bear."

OTHELLO, Act ii., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 7th.—William, first King of the Netherlands, abdicates his throne, that he might marry a Roman Catholic lady. 1840.

"Were I crowned the most imperial monarch—
Thereof most worthy; were I the fairest youth
That ever made eye swerve; had force and knowledge
More than was ever man's—I would not prize them

Without her love: for her employ them all;
Commend them and condemn them to her service,
Or to their own perdition."

WINTER'S TALE, Act iv., Scene 3.

OCTOBER 8th.—Richard Brinsly Sheridan born. 1751.

"He uses his folly like a stalking horse, and under the presentation of that, he shoots his wit."

AS YOU LIKE IT, Act v., Scene 4.

OCTOBER 9th.—The death of the Emperor Charles VI., which caused a war in Germany that continued eight years—1740.

"O, now doth death line his dead chops with steel;
The swords of soldiers are his teeth, his fangs;
And now he feasts, mouthing the flesh of men,
In undetermined differences of kings."

KING JOHN, Act ii., Scene 2.

OCTOBER 10th.—Great hurricane at the mouth of the Ganges. 1737.

"Blow, winds, and crack your cheeks! rage! blow!"

KING LEAR, Act iii., Scene 2.

OCTOBER 11th.—St. Salvador discovered by Columbus. 1492.

"What is this world! what news are these!"

2 HENRY VI., Act iii., Scene 2.

OCTOBER 12th. — Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. 1685.

"Wise men ne'er sit and wail their loss,
But cheerly seek how to redress their harms."

3 HENRY VI., Act v., Scene 4.

OCTOBER 13th.—Seamen's Widows' Society founded. 1732.

"Our hint of woe
Is common: every day some sailor's wife
. . . Has just our theme of woe!"

TEMPEST, Act ii., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 14th.—Tombs of the Kings of France destroyed. 1793.

"Why may not imagination trace the noble dust of Alexander till he find it stopping a bung-hole?"

HAMLET, Act v., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 15th.—Mrs. McLean, the poetess, known as L. E. L., died. 1838.

"And when you would say something that is sad,
Speak how I fell."

HENRY VIII., Act ii., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 16th.—Bonaparte arrives at St. Helena. 1815.

"They have tied me to the stake. I cannot fly,
But, bear-like, I must fight the course."

MACBETH, Act v., Scene 7.

OCTOBER 17th.—Wolsey deprived of the Great Seal. 1529.

"Hear the king's pleasure, cardinal, who commands you
To render up the great seal presently
Into our hands."

HENRY VIII., Act iii , Scene 2.

OCTOBER 18th. — Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, died. 1744.

"Art thou not second woman in the realm?
Hast thou not worldly pleasure at command—
Above the reach or compass of thy thought?"

2 HENRY VI., Act i., Scene 2.

OCTOBER 19th. — The corner-stone of Washington's Monument laid. 1847.

"Whose remembrance yet
Lives in men's eyes, and will, to ears and tongues,
Be theme and hearing ever."

CYMBELINE, Act iii., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 20th.—Ship-money first levied. 1634.

"These exactions
Whereof my sovereign would have note, they are
Most pestilent to the hearing, and to bear them
The back is sacrifice to the load."

HENRY VIII., Act i., Scene 2.

OCTOBER 21st. — George Combe, the phrenologist, born. 1788.

"It's monstrous labor, when I wash my brain,
And it grows fouler." [*Fowler!*]

ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA, Act ii., Scene 7.

OCTOBER 22d.—Civil war between Pompey and Cæsar began at Rome. 50 B. C.

"Domestic fury and fierce civil strife
Shall cumber all the parts of Italy."
JULIUS CÆSAR, Act iii., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 23d.—The world was created, according to Usher, 4004 B. C.

"The poor world is almost six thousand years old."
AS YOU LIKE IT, Act iv., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 24th.—Style of "King of Great Britain" assumed by the English kings. 1604.

"This title honors me and mine."
3 HENRY VI., Act iv., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 25th.—Mary, Queen of Scots, condemned. 1589.

"I am about to weep, but thinking that
We are a queen, (or long have dreamed so,) certain
The daughter of a king, my drops of tears
I'll turn to sparks of fire."
HENRY VIII., Act ii., Scene 4.

OCTOBER 26th.—Dr. Doddridge died. 1751.

"All his mind is bent on holiness."

2 HENRY VI., Act i., Scene 3.

OCTOBER 27th. — Gold discovered in Malacca. 1731.

"Bell, book, and candle shall not drive me back,
When gold and silver becks me to come on."

KING JOHN, Act iii., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 28th.—Mormons driven from Missouri. 1838.

"Call it a travel thou takest for pleasure?
'My heart will sigh when I miscall it so,
Which finds it an enforced pilgrimage.'"

RICHARD II., Act i., Scene 3.

OCTOBER 29th.—Sir Walter Raleigh beheaded. 1618.

"Yet heaven bear witness,
And if I have a conscience let it sink me,
Even as the axe falls, if I be not faithful."

HENRY VIII., Act ii., Scene 1.

OCTOBER 30th.—George III. assaulted by a mob. 1795.

"If the tag-rag people did not clap him, and hiss him, according as he pleased and displeased them."

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act i., Scene 2.

OCTOBER 31st.—Empress Irene banished to Lesbos. 802.

"The hopeless word of—never to return,
Breathe I against thee, upon pain of life."

RICHARD II., Act i., Scene 3.

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November.

NOVEMBER 1st.—Lisbon destroyed by an earthquake. 1755.

"This is the way to lay the city flat,
To bring the roof to the foundation;
And bury all, which yet distinctly ranges,
In heaps and piles of ruins!"

CORIOLANUS, Act iii., Scene 1.

NOVEMBER 2d.—All-souls' Day. 1849, *et al.*

"This is All-soul's day, fellows, is it not?"

RICHARD III., Act v., Scene 1.

NOVEMBER 3d.—Drake returned from circumnavigating the globe. 1577.

"He has had most favorable and happy speed;
Tempests themselves, high seas, and howling winds,
The guttered rocks and congregated sands,

Traitors ensteep'd to clog the guiltless keel,
———do omit
Their mortal natures, letting go safely by."

OTHELLO, Act ii., Scene 1.

NOVEMBER 4th.—Gustavus Adolphus killed in battle. 1632.

"Why, then, God's soldier be he!
Had I as many sons as I have hairs,
I would not wish them to a fairer death;
And so his knell is knoll'd."

MACBETH, Act v., Scene 7.

NOVEMBER 5th.—"Gunpowder Plot" discovered. 1605.

"If of life you keep a care,
Shake off slumber and beware:
Awake! awake!"

TEMPEST, Act ii., Scene 2.

NOVEMBER 6th.—The Princess Charlotte died. 1817.

"Now boast! thee, death in thy possession lies
A loss unparallel'd. Downy windows, close!
And golden Phœbus never be beheld
Of eyes again so royal."

ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA, Act v., Scene 2.

NOVEMBER 7th.—A meteoric stone fell, weighing 260 pounds. 1492.

"The gods throw stones."

CYMBELINE, Act v., Scene 5.

NOVEMBER 8th. — Madame Roland beheaded. 1793.

"What's brave, what's noble,
Let's do it after the high Roman fashion,
And make death proud to take us."

ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA, Act iv., Scene 13.

NOVEMBER 9th.—Shaftesbury dismissed from the Chancellorship. 1673.

"How! What does his cashiered worship mutter?"

CORIOLANUS, Act v., Scene 1.

NOVEMBER 10th.—Luther born. 1483.

"You gods will give us
Some faults, to make us men."

ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA, Act v., Scene 1.

NOVEMBER 11th.—St. Martin's day, and the day on which the siege of Orleans was commenced. 1428.

"This night assuredly the siege I'll raise:
Expect St. Martin's summer, halcyon days."

1 HENRY VI., Act i., Scene 2.

NOVEMBER 12th.—Ancient Parliament of Paris restored. 1774.

"Now call me our high court of parliament;
And let us choose such limbs of noble counsel
That the great body of our state may go
In equal rank with the best governed nations."

2 HENRY VI., Act v., Scene 2.

NOVEMBER 13th.—Remarkable display of meteors. 1833.

"The meteors fright the fixed stars of heaven,
The pale-faced moon looks bloody on the earth,
And lean-look'd prophets whisper fearful change."

RICHARD II., Act iii., Scene 4.

NOVEMBER 14th.—The York Indiaman lost. 1758.

"I would you did but see how it chafes, how it rages, how it takes up the shore! but that's not

to the point: O! the most piteous cry of the poor souls!"

WINTER'S TALE, Act iii., Scene 3.

NOVEMBER 15th.—Charles Lord Mohun died in a duel. 1725.

"Room for the incensed worthies!"

LOVE'S LABOR LOST, Act v., Scene 2.

NOVEMBER 16th.—James Furgurson, the astronomer, died. 1776.

"These earthly godfathers of heaven's lights,
That give a name to every fixed star,
Have no more profit of their shining nights
Than those that walk and wot not what they are."

LOVE'S LABOR LOST, Act i., Scene 1.

NOVEMBER 17th.—Queen Mary died. 1558.

"Just death, kind umpire of men's miseries,
With sweet enlargement doth dismiss thee [me] hence."

1 HENRY VI., Act ii., Scene 5.

NOVEMBER 18th.—Henry Cook, the artist, died. 1700.

"Wrought he not well that painted this?"

TITUS ANDRONICUS, Act i., Scene 1.

NOVEMBER 19th.—Died the prisoner known as the "Man with the Iron Mask." 1703.

"But that I am forbid
To tell the secrets of my prison-house,
I would a tale unfold whose lightest word
Would harrow up thy soul."

HAMLET, Act i., Scene 5.

NOVEMBER 20th.—Great Britain declared in a state of blockade. 1806.

"This England never did (nor never shall)
Lie at the proud foot of a conqueror."

KING JOHN, Act v., Scene 7.

NOVEMBER 21st.—Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. 1620.

"Alack! the night comes on, and the bleak winds
Do sorely ruffle! For many miles about
There's scarce a bush."

KING LEAR, Act ii., Scene 4.

NOVEMBER 22d. — Robert Lord Clive died. 1768.

"So now prosperity begins to mellow,
And drop into the rotten mouth of death."

RICHARD III., Act iv., Scene 4.

NOVEMBER 23d.—Charter of New England granted to the Plymouth Colony. 1622.

"I extend my hand to them thus, quenching my familiar style with an austere regard of control."

TWELFTH NIGHT, Act ii., Scene 5.

NOVEMBER 24th. — Lawrence Sterne born. 1713.

"Sir, your wit ambles, it goes easily."

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, Act v., Scene 1.

NOVEMBER 25th.—Excise Act on beer, ale, and other distilled liquors, passed. 1690.

"O! that men should put an enemy into their mouths to steal away their brains!!"

OTHELLO, Act ii., Scene 3.

NOVEMBER 26th. — The potato introduced into Flanders. 1650.

"That's a good root."

MER. WIVES OF WIND., Act iv., Scene 1.

NOVEMBER 27th.—The most memorable tempest that ever occurred in England. 1703.

"Since I was a man
Such sheets of fire, such bursts of horrid thunder,
Such groans of roaring wind and rain, I never
Remember to have heard."

KING LEAR, Act iii., Scene 2.

NOVEMBER 28th.—The Earl of Warwick beheaded. 1499.

"Thus yields the cedar to the axe's edge,
Whose arms gave shelter to the princely eagle,
Under whose shade the ramping lion slept."

3 HENRY VI., Act v., Scene 2.

NOVEMBER 29th.—Cardinal Wolsey died. 1530.

"Full of repentance,
Continual meditations, tears, and sorrows,
He gave his honors to the world again,
His blessed part to heaven, and slept in peace."

HENRY VIII., Act iv., Scene 2.

NOVEMBER 30th.—Jonathan Swift born. 1667.

"Since the little wit that fools have was silenced, the little foolery that wise men have makes a greater show."

AS YOU LIKE IT, Act i., Scene 2.

December.

DECEMBER 1st.—The Marine Hospital burned at Brest, when great numbers of the sick perished. 1776.

"Those that can pity, here
May, if they think it well, let fall a tear,
The subject will deserve it"

HENRY VIII., *Prologue.*

DECEMBER 2d.—Napoleon crowned at Notre Dame. 1804.

"I've touched the highest point of all my greatness."

HENRY VIII., Act iii., Scene 2.

DECEMBER 3d. — St. Francis Xavier died. 1552.

"Open thy gates of mercy, gracious God!
My soul flies thro' these wounds to seek thee out."

3 HENRY VI., Act i., Scene 4.

NOVEMBER 4th.—Madrid surrenders to Napoleon. 1808.

"These flags of France that are advanced here
Before the eye and prospect of your town,
Have hither marched to your endamagement."

KING JOHN, Act ii., Scene 1.

NOVEMBER 5th.—Great Britain acknowledges the independence of the United States. 1782.

"The king hath granted every article—according to their firm proposed nature."

HENRY V., Act v., Scene 2.

DECEMBER 6th. — General Monk born. 1603.

"The purest spring is not as free from mud
As I am clear from treason to my sovereign."

2 HENRY VI., Act iii., Scene 2.

DECEMBER 7th.—Cicero died. B. C. 43.

"Some there are
Who on the tip of their persuasive tongue
Carry all arguments and questions deep,

And replication prompt, and reason strong
To make the weeper smile, the laugher weep."

POEMS.

DECEMBER 8th.—Caractacus appears in chains in the streets of Rome. 51.

"Peat to linger
But with a grain a day, I would not buy
Their mercy at the price of one fair word."

CORIOLANUS, Act iii., Scene 3.

DECEMBER 9th. — The Moors expelled from Spain. 1492.

"Sweet soil, adieu!
My mother and my nurse that bears me yet."

KING RICHARD II., Act i, Scene 3.

DECEMBER 10th. — Royal records of England commenced. 1101.

"Who has a book of all that monarchs do,
He's more secure to keep it shut than shown."

PRINCE PERICLES, Act i., Scene 1.

DECEMBER 11th.—Letters first delivered in London by Penny Post. 1681.

"Why! here's a letter for thee!"

TROILUS AND CRESSIDA, Act v., Scene 1.

DECEMBER 12th.—Jeffries thrown into the Tower. 1688.

"It stands agreed,
I take it by all voices, that forthwith
You be conveyed to the Tower, a prisoner,
There to remain till the King's further pleasure
Be known unto us."

HENRY VIII., Act v., Scene 2.

DECEMBER 13th.—Affirmation of Quakers accepted as an oath. 1721.

"I'll take thy word for faith, not ask thine oath."

PRINCE PERICLES, Act i., Scene 2.

DECEMBER 14th. — Washington died. 1799.

"All of us have cause
To wail the dimming of our shining star."

RICHARD III., Act ii., Scene 2.

DECEMBER 15th.—Public buildings burned at Washington. 1836.

"Behold destruction, frenzy and amazement,
Like witless antics one another meet."

TROILUS AND CRESSIDA, Act v., Scene 3.

DECEMBER 16th. — Napoleon divorced Josephine. 1809.

"For no dislike i' the world 'gainst the person
Of the good queen, but the sharp, thorny points
Of my alleged reasons drive this forward."

HENRY VIII., Act ii., Scene 4.

DECEMBER 17th. — Sedition Bill passed in England. 1795.

"These things indeed you have articulated,
Proclaimed at market crosses, read in churches:
To face the garment of rebellion
With some fine color that may please the eye
Of fickle changelings, and poor discontents
Which gape and rub the elbow at the news
Of hurly-burly innovation."

1 HENRY IV., Act i., Scene 1.

DECEMBER 18th. — Tea destroyed in Boston Harbor. 1773.

"Defiance—hurl we in your teeth."

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act v., Scene 1.

DECEMBER 19th.—Hair-powder tax begun. 1795.

"Yes, to pay a fine for a peruke."

COMEDY OF ERRORS, Act ii., Scene 2.

DECEMBER 20th. — Steam-ship Avenger wrecked on the coast of Africa. Two hundred and seventy lives lost. 1847.

"Not a soul
But felt a fever of the mad, and played
Some tricks of desperation."

TEMPEST, Act i., Scene 2.

DECEMBER 21st.—Lavallette, aided by his wife, escaped from prison. 1815.

"O ye gods!
Render me worthy of this noble wife."

JULIUS CÆSAR, Act ii., Scene 1.

DECEMBER 22d. — The Pretender lands near Aberdeen. 1715.

"Use all your power
To stop their marches 'fore we are inflamed."

KING JOHN, Act v., Scene 1.

DECEMBER 23d.—James II. fled from England. 1688.

"The better part of valor is discretion; in which better part I have saved my life."

1 HENRY IV., Act v., Scene 4.

DECEMBER 24th.—Robin Hood died. 1247.

"Sick in the world's regard, wretched, and low,
A poor unminded outlaw."

1 HENRY IV., Act i., Scene 3.

DECEMBER 25th.—The Island of Rhodes taken by the Turks. 1522.

"The Turkish preparation makes for Rhodes."

OTHELLO, Act i., Scene 3.

DECEMBER 26th.—Wilkes died. 1797.

"Sir, I will counterfeit the bewitchment of some popular man, and give it beautifully to the desirers"

CORIOLANUS, Act ii., Scene 3.

DECEMBER 27th.—The King of Naples dethroned. 1805.

"Some will mourn in ashes, some coal black,
For the deposing of a rightful king."
RICHARD II., Act v., Scene 1.

DECEMBER 28th.—Logan, the poet, died of a broken heart. 1778.

"There's nothing in the world can make me joy."
KING JOHN, Act iii., Scene 4.

DECEMBER 29th.—Becket assassinated. 1170.

"From the four corners of the earth they come,"
To kiss this shrine, this mortal, breathing saint.
MERCHANT OF VENICE, Act ii., Scene 7.

DECEMBER 30th. — The first idea of Electricity given by two globes of brimstone. 1467.

"First let us talk with this philosopher.
What is the cause of thunder?"
KING LEAR, Act iii., Scene 4.

DECEMBER 31st.—Gifford, the reviewer, died. 1826.

"I am nothing—if not critical."
OTHELLO, Act ii., Scene 1.

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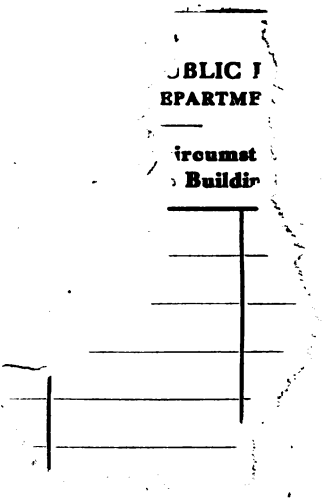

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